

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 16, line 20, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Because the FCHIM 312 is generally capable of accepting CHIM commands, the FCHIM 312 of the present invention is further capable of communicating with conventional OSMs, such as the OSMs described with reference to Figure 1. Advantageously, this capability allows an embodiment of the present invention to be used with existing software with little or no modification. For example, since the FCHIM 312 also accepts the CHIM commands, the application discussed with reference to Figure 1 can be executed in a Fibre Channel environment using the present invention. Thus, the FCHIM Wrapper module ~~326~~ 324 of the present invention can provide a transparent interface between SCSI and Fibre Channel, as discussed next with reference to Figures 4 and 5. --